



Transportation Commission Study Session

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SUBJECT: Parks & Open Space System Plan Update

DIRECTION REQUESTED

Action

X Discussion

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The Commission will hear a presentation on the work underway to update the City's Parks and Open Space System Plan. The Commission will have an opportunity to provide feedback on topics and elements they would like to see incorporated into the next edition of the plan.

BACKGROUND

Parks & Community Services is updating one of its long-range policy planning documents, the Parks & Open Space System Plan. The Parks Plan provides long-range policy and guidance on the acquisition, development and management of parks and open space citywide. It is also a foundational tool in developing the department's Capital Investment Program. The current plan was last updated in 2010 and is on a six year schedule for renewal and adoption by the City Council.

INFORMATION

The input of the Transportation Commission will be helpful in determining what changes we need to make to the plan to keep it future-focused and relevant considering the changing needs of the community today. Additionally, we have the opportunity to bring the plan into alignment with the newly updated Comprehensive Plan. As evidenced in the Comprehensive Plan Vision and the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element, the idea of Bellevue as a 'City in a Park' remains a strongly held community value. Beyond that, the parks and opens space system plays an important role in achieving many Comprehensive Plan goals in other Elements including Transportation (trails and multi-modal transportation options), Environment (tree canopy and streams), Urban Design (place making), Neighborhoods (gathering spaces), Human

Services (non-profit provider facilities), Economic Development (quality of life factors) and many others.

Please be prepared to provide your thoughts on the following questions (and bring questions of your own):

- Personally, how do you use the park, trail and open space system today? What type of recreation facilities and features would you like to see more of in the future?
- In general terms, how can the Parks & Open Space System Plan support the work and goals of the Transportation Commission?

NEXT STEPS

To further participate in the project and spur other thoughts about parks and recreation in Bellevue, please take five minutes to complete a survey that is currently open to all Bellevue park users. The survey, along with the current 2010 edition of the plan, is available at the following web page: www.bellevuewa.gov/park-plan.htm. You are welcome to share this survey link with any other Bellevue park users. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact me.